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1. "Under the present situation on the mainland China, it is practically im-possible to get the accurate figures on this years' Shantung, Hsuehow, and Anhwei tobacco crops. I did ask for rough figures [redacted] who were able to furnish me some information. So far as I can tell they have a good and satisfactory crop in Shantung this year which is with a production around 30 per cent more than last years' production. But they have a poor crop this year in Honan due to the bad weather. To my understanding and it is also the general opinion in tobacco quarters, tobaccos are still greatly insufficient to take care of domestic consumption. In view of the fact, the Communist authority is restricting the supply of Shantung and Hsuehow tobaccos for export and to con-trol the domestic consumption it is allocating tobaccos to cigarette factories by a limited monthly quantity. It is most difficult to obtain a permit to ship to-baccos out of the mainland China to Hong Kong.
2. "All cigarettes in China are made at the present time with the domestic made cig-arette papers which are supplied by three mills, one in Hanchow, one in Tsingtao, and one in Shansi. These mills are using jutes to make cigarette papers and more jutes are now growing in several provinces in the mainland China. If trade opens with the mainland China, it is my opinion that there should be little prospect of supplying cigarette paper to the mainland China."

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